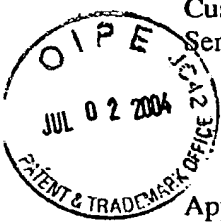


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Sir,

In response to the final Office Action dated June 8, 2004, paper number 8, in the subject patent application, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending September 8, 2003 was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested. The Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing, this response is timely.

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